

OPEN WORLD PROGRAM 2025

CALL FOR HOSTS FOLLOW UP

5 August 2024

To: Current and elected Rotary club presidents

cc: Current and elected officers for

U.S. district governor

U.S. Rotary club secretary

U.S. district international service chair

U.S. club executive secretary

U.S. district community service committee chair

U.S. Rotaract club president

Dear current and elected U.S. Rotary club presidents:

Greetings from Evanston!

This is a follow-up to our email from 18 June.

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in the Open World Program and those who submitted [Host Request Form](#). Please [review the programming information](#) if you have not had a chance to do so, yet. We still have many hosting options available. Please read the information below to learn about this unique program.

The Open World Program is available to Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the United States and provides an opportunity to build fellowship and friendship to strengthen international understanding by hosting emerging Eurasian leaders from *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam* in your community.

Clubs are needed to host six-participant delegations for eight days and nights and prepare a professional program related to business, community, and civic life in the United States.

The program focuses on developing a network of leaders who understand how American communities deal with contemporary issues and want to maintain contact with their new American contacts and other counterparts. Often, these collaborations lead to service projects between Rotary clubs in the two countries.

The Open World program, operated by the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) an independent U.S. federal agency, is **a special program available to Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the United States** through a grant secured by Rotary International.

Rotary International (RI) serves as a national host organization, with Rotary clubs serving as local hosts for Open World delegations. Rotary clubs in 290 cities and 48 states have hosted over 4,000 of all 31,000 Open World participants throughout these years. RI can reimburse participating clubs for many of their hosting expenses through Open World grants.

Is your Rotary Club interested in working on an international project, hosting six Open World participants for eight days/nights, and willing to develop an intensive week of events based on a selected Open World theme? If yes, then the Open World Program would be perfect for your club. Please complete the [Host Request Form](#) and email the completed form to OpenWorld@rotary.org by **Monday, 12 August** or sooner.

Find out more about the [Open World Program](#) on [Rotary clubs | My Rotary](#).

Warm Rotary Regards,

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